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As Chair of the Legislative Health Care Coverage Commission, I am pleased to submit the Commission's Quarterly Report for April to June, 2010, prepared pursuant to 2009 Iowa Acts, Ch. 118, §118 (S.F. 389, §1).

The report is also available on the Commission's website at http://www.legis.state.ia.us/scripts/docmgr/docmgr_comdocs.dll/showtypeinterim?id=true&type=ih&com=484

Sincerely,

David Carlyle, MD
Commission Chair



QUARTERLY REPORT

Legislative Health Care Coverage Commission

April - June 2010

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AUTHORIZATION AND APPOINTMENT

The Commission is required, by 2009 Iowa Acts, Ch. 118, §1 (S.F. 389, §1), to develop an Iowa health care reform strategic plan, addressing various aspects listed in the legislation. The Commission is created under the authority of the Legislative Council, with administrative support to be provided by the Legislative Services Agency (LSA). The Legislative Council is required to appoint a chairperson and vice chairperson from the voting membership. An appropriation of \$200,000 for costs associated with the Commission, including any per diem or other expenses associated with meetings, is made to LSA in 2009 Iowa Acts, Ch. 183, §65 (H.F. 820, §65), as amended by 2009 Iowa Acts, Ch. 179, §160, (S.F. 478, §160). The Commission has been directed by the Legislative Council to complete its deliberations by December 31, 2010, provide quarterly reports, and submit a final report to the General Assembly no later than January 31, 2011.



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I. Introduction

A. Overview

The Legislative Health Care Coverage Commission (Commission) was created by 2009 Iowa Acts, Ch. 118, §1 (S.F. 389) to prepare an Iowa health care reform strategic plan which includes but is not limited to a review and analysis of options for increased health care coverage of Iowa's children, adults, and families, with an emphasis on increased coverage for adults. The Commission has also been directed to develop prioritized recommendations for increasing coverage.

In 2010, the Commission was given an additional duty to complete an annual review of the cost of health insurance mandates currently imposed on health insurance regulated by the state, to provide projections of the cost of any mandates that the Commission determines may be considered by the General Assembly during the legislative session, and to include this information in the Commission's annual reports to the General Assembly (2010 Iowa Acts, Ch. 1121, §32, S.F. 2201). The Commission has also been asked by legislative leadership to provide recommendations to them for the pursuit of state funding opportunities under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) of 2010, along with application and implementation dates, that can be shared with the Governor's office and Iowa's Congressional delegation.

For the 2010 Legislative Interim, the Commission has been authorized to hold three meetings and has been directed by the Legislative Council to complete its deliberations no later than December 31, 2010, and submit a final report to the General Assembly no later than January 31, 2011.

B. Second Quarter Report – April to June 2010

The Commission is required to submit quarterly reports to the General Assembly summarizing the Commission's activities. This second quarterly report summarizes activities from April through June 2010.

II. Commission Activities – April to June 2010

With the passage of S.F. 2356 and PPACA during the first quarter of 2010, Commission Chairperson Carlyle initiated changes to the Commission's workgroups to reflect the Commission's new role in assuring that national health care reform is implemented in Iowa in an efficient, high-quality, and practical way.

- *Workgroup I IowaCare Expansion, Medicaid Expansion Readiness, and High Risk Pool (Formerly Coverage of Adults)* will now focus on IowaCare Program expansion, Medicaid expansion readiness, and issues involving the new federal high-risk pool known as HIPIOWA-FED.
- *Workgroup II Value-based Health Care (formerly Use/Creation of State Pool)* is now charged with examining value-based health care purchasing.
- *Workgroup III Insurance Information Exchange (formerly Administration of Health Care Reform in Iowa)* will now monitor the development of a work plan for the Insurance Information Exchange.



- Newly created Workgroup IV will focus on Wellness Initiatives.

A. Commission Meetings and Activities

At the direction of the Legislative Council, the Commission did not hold any public meetings during the second quarter of 2010. A Commission meeting was scheduled for July 21, 2010. Chairperson Carlyle, Vice Chairperson Williams, and Commission Coordinator Kinzel remained active on behalf of the Commission during the second quarter of 2010. Dr. Carlyle, Mr. Williams, and Ms. Kinzel met on several occasions with Department of Human Services Director Charles Krogmeier, Director of Public Health Tom Newton, and Commissioner of Insurance Susan Voss.

B. Workgroup Meetings

Workgroup I and Workgroup IV did not meet during the second quarter. Workgroup II and Workgroup III each held one meeting during the second quarter.

1. Workgroup II Value-based Health Care (Formerly Use/Creation of State Pool)

With the passage of PPACA, Workgroup II changed its focus to concentrate on understanding the opportunities that exist in Iowa for cost-effective purchasing of public and privately financed health care.

Workgroup II with Chairperson Marcia Nichols, held its first meeting of 2010 on June 17, 2010. The workgroup discussed its new charge and how it could contribute to the overall Commission charge. Commission Coordinator Kinzel presented information to the workgroup about federal health care reform. A second meeting was scheduled for July 15, 2010.

2. Workgroup III Insurance Information Exchange (Formerly Administration of Health Care Reform in Iowa)

Workgroup III with Chairperson Williams, held its first meeting of 2010 on June 7, 2010. Commissioner of Insurance Susan Voss and Ms. Angela Burke Boston of the Insurance Division provided an update on the work plan for the Iowa Insurance Information Exchange. Commission Coordinator Kinzel also presented a brief summary on the role of exchanges in PPACA. The workgroup discussed its goals for 2010 and how it could contribute to the overall Commission charge. For the rest of 2010, the workgroup will focus on developing recommendations for a plan of operation for the Iowa Insurance Information Exchange. A second meeting was scheduled for July 19, 2010.

C. Commission Coordinator Activities

Commission Coordinator Kinzel participated in numerous meetings on behalf of the Commission throughout the second quarter of 2010. Attachment 1 provides an outline of the meetings Ms. Kinzel attended.



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In addition to the meetings referred to in Attachment 1, Ms. Kinzel met with Chairperson Carlyle on a weekly basis and with Vice Chairperson Williams, and Workgroup Chairpersons Nichols and Teeling on a less frequent basis to discuss workgroup and Commission business and make plans for the remainder of 2010. Ms. Kinzel was also available throughout the second quarter to respond to inquiries from interested citizens regarding Commission activities.

III. Next Steps

The Commission and its workgroups will be meeting throughout the summer and fall of 2010 to complete the Commission's duties. The Commission will continue to monitor PPACA to develop a complete understanding of how anticipated federal reforms will impact the Commission's charge.

IV. Attachment

1. Listing of Meetings Attended by Commission Coordinator Kinzel, April to June 2010.

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Listing of Meetings Attended by Commission Coordinator April to June 2010

Date	Group	Purpose	Location
April 1	Commission (Outside Meeting)	Meeting with Dr. David Carlyle, Senator Jack Hatch, and Representative Mark Smith	Des Moines
April 8	Commission (Outside Meeting)	Meeting with Commissioner of Insurance Susan Voss, Dr. David Carlyle, and Vice Chairperson Ted Williams	Des Moines
April 14	Commission	Represented Commission at bill signing ceremony	Des Moines
April 15	Commission (Outside Meeting)	Meeting with Dept. of Human Services Director Charles Krogmeier, Medicaid Director Jennifer Vermeer, Dr. David Carlyle, and Vice Chairperson Ted Williams	Des Moines
April 16	IDPH Medical Home Advisory Council	Represented Commission	Pleasant Hill
April 19	Iowa Department of Public Health	Meeting with Director of Public Health Tom Newton	Des Moines
April 26	Commission (Outside Meeting)	Meeting with Commissioner of Insurance Susan Voss, Dr. David Carlyle, and Senator Jack Hatch	Des Moines
April 28	Commission (Outside Meeting)	Meeting with Iowa High Risk Pool Executive Director Cecil Bykerk and Dr. David Carlyle	Des Moines
April 28	Commission (Outside Meeting)	Meeting with Commissioner of Insurance Susan Voss	Des Moines
April 30	IDPH Prevention and Chronic Care Advisory Council	Represented Commission	Urbandale
May 6	Commission (Outside Meeting)	Meeting with Dr. David Carlyle, Vice Chairperson Ted Williams, and Director of Public Health Tom Newton	Des Moines
May 13	MAPAC Meeting	Represented Commission	Des Moines
May 18	Iowa Safety Net Advisory Council and Leadership Group	Represented Commission	Des Moines
May 18	e-Health Consumer Interest Group	Represented Commission	Des Moines
May 19	Commission (Outside Meeting)	Meeting with Dr. David Carlyle, Vice Chairperson Ted Williams, Senator Jack Hatch, and Representative Mark Smith	Des Moines
May 24	Commission (Outside Meeting)	Meeting with Legislative Services Agency staff	Des Moines
June 1	Commission (Outside Meeting)	Meeting with Dept. of Human Services staff regarding IowaCare	Des Moines
June 4	Commission (Outside Meeting)	Meeting with Workgroup IV Chairperson Joe Teeling	Des Moines
June 7	Commission Workgroup III Meeting	Workgroup III meeting	Des Moines



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Date	Group	Purpose	Location
June 10	Commission (Outside Meeting)	Meeting with Medicaid Director Jennifer Vermeer	Des Moines
June 15	Commission (Outside Meeting)	Meeting with Workgroup II Chairperson Marcia Nichols	Des Moines
June 16	Commission (Outside Meeting)	Agenda setting meeting with Dr. David Carlyle and Legislative Services Agency staff	Des Moines
June 17	Commission Workgroup II Meeting	Workgroup II meeting	Des Moines
June 21	Commission (Outside Meeting)	Meeting regarding Diabetes Care Coordination with Angela Doyle Scar	Des Moines
June 23	Commission (Outside Meeting)	Agenda setting meeting with Dr. David Carlyle and member of the public Nicky Keller	Ames
June 24	IDPH Prevention and Chronic Care Advisory Council	Represented Commission	Clive

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